GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

MA & UD – GVSCCL – Advisory from MoHUA, GoI – Repurposing and Continuation of GVSCCL SPV for Technology and Implementation support to Urban Local Bodies, offer advisory services, facilitate urban investment & Planning and Undertaking New Initiatives – Approval – Accorded.

MUNCIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (UBS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 197 Dated: 24-09-2025

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.43 Municipal Administration & Urban Development (UBS) Department, dated 17.02.2016.
2. From Managing Director & CEO., GVSCCL, Visakhapatnam letter Rc.No.GVSCCL/Admin/377(General)/2024-25, dated: 07.09.2025.

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In the reference 1st read above, Government have constituted a Special Purpose Vehicle under the name and style of “Greater Visakhapatnam Smart City Corporation Ltd” (GVSCCL) to implement and operationalize the Smart City Project.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Managing Director & CEO of GVSCCL, Visakhapatnam, reported that a consultative meeting chaired by the Hon’ble Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs was held on 07.04.2025 in hybrid mode, with participation from over 230 stakeholders representing all 100 Smart Cities. The meeting reviewed on-going Smart Cities Mission (SCM) projects and discussed the future role of Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs). Following this, MoHUA issued Advisory No. 27 on 10.06.2025, providing guidelines for SPV re-purposing. A follow-up meeting on 25.06.2025, led by the Joint Secretary, SCM, further reviewed project completion and strategic SPV re-purposing. The advisory emphasizes leveraging the institutional capacity, technical expertise, and infrastructure—particularly the Integrated Command and Control Centres (ICCCs)—developed under the Mission. Repurposed SPVs are expected to: (a) Provide technology and implementation support to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), (b) Act as implementing agencies for state and central schemes, (c) Offer consulting and advisory services, (d) Facilitate urban investment and planning and (e) Generate service-linked revenues for sustainability.

3. The Managing Director, GVSCCL informed that, in addition to the existing scope, GVSCCL may consider undertaking the following initiatives to strengthen urban development efforts across the Visakhapatnam region:

- **Leverage Government Schemes:** Initiate new projects by tapping into funding opportunities such as the Urban Challenge Fund, SASCI, and other relevant schemes from Central and State Governments.
- **Capacity Building & Reforms:** Promote training programs, institutional reforms, and skill development initiatives to enhance the capabilities of urban local bodies (ULBs).

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- **Municipal Asset Quantification:** Undertake systematic quantification and documentation of municipal assets to support better planning and resource management.
- **Collaborative Projects:** Execute projects, studies, and activities in partnership with line departments, GVMC, Urban Development Authorities, and with support from the State Government.
- **Establish In-House PMU:** Set up a dedicated Project Management Unit (PMU) comprising 5-10 members, including ward secretaries with relevant qualifications and expertise. This team will operate on an OD basis from GVMC to support RDMA ULBs in areas such as asset quantification, project structuring, and urban reforms.
- **Center of Excellence (CoE):** Establish a regional Center of Excellence for Urban Development to serve as a hub for innovation, research, and best practices in urban planning and governance.

4. The Managing Director of GVSCCL reported that during its 42nd Board Meeting, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1. The Board formally noted the Minutes of the Consultative Meeting held on 07.04.2025 at 11:00 AM, chaired by the Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.
2. The Board acknowledged Advisory No. 27 issued by MoHUA regarding the re-purposing of Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) under the Smart Cities Mission.
3. In line with the advisory, the Board approved the re-purposing of GVSCCL and authorized submission of a detailed proposal to the State Government for consideration and approval. The Managing Director & CEO is empowered to take all necessary actions to implement the resolution and ensure compliance with relevant directives.

5. The Managing Director of GVSCCL has also reported that, in addition to initiatives under the Smart Cities Mission, GVSCCL has undertaken the following key projects:

1. **Sewerage Package I & II Project Scope:** Development of a comprehensive sewerage system in the Pendurthi, Gajuwaka, and Malkapuram areas and supply of recycled water to industrial units.

   Financial Details: Package I includes a 15-year Operations & Maintenance (O&M) contract. GVSCCL secured a term loan of Rs.245.71 crore from Bank of Baroda to finance Package I. Loan repayment is being serviced through revenue generated from the sale of recycled water to Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL). The repayment schedule extends until the year 2035.

2. **Construction of Working Women Hostels Project Scope:** Development of three hostels for working women under the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) 2024–25. Objective: To provide safe, affordable, and accessible accommodation for working women, thereby promoting gender-inclusive urban infrastructure improve.

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6. The Managing Director of GVSCCL has therefore requested the Government to repurpose the Special Purpose Vehicle (GVSCCL), continue its operations, and initiate the implementation of new projects.

7. After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby accord approval to the CEO & Managing Director of GVSCCL for the following:

(A) Re-purposing of GVSCCL

The Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), GVSCCL, shall be re-purposed in accordance with Advisory No. 27 issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India, and in line with the resolution passed by the Board.

(B) Continuation of Operations

GVSCCL shall continue its operations under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, ensuring full compliance with all applicable statutory and governance norms.

(C) Undertaking New Initiatives

GVSCCL is authorized to initiate and implement a range of developmental activities, including but not limited to projects, reforms, capacity-building programs, and studies. These initiatives shall be funded through internally generated resources and may include: (i) Raising capital via market instruments or term loans, (ii) Leveraging schemes and programs of the Central and State Governments and (iii) Collaborating with Municipal Corporations, Municipalities, Urban Development Authorities, and other relevant regional entities.

8. The Managing Director & CEO, GVSCCL, shall ensure compliance with MoHUA Advisory No.27, timely project completion, financial discipline, and sustainability of the SPV.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S. SURESH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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